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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 28, 2002 applicants submit the following Response and Election.

The Examiner has applied a restriction requirement. Applicants elect the group of claims 29 to 44 without traverse. A shortened statutory period for replying was set to expire within one month following the mailing date of the Office Action. A one-month Extension of Time is requested to extend the period for submitting the Reply to Wednesday August 28, 2002.

Herewith, Applicants submit a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as well as formal drawings.

**FEE PAYMENT**

Applicants hereby authorize payment to Deposit Account 07-1074 of fees due, such as the one-month extension of time or any additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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